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1. At a general briefing which in the presence of Lieutenant General Heinz Hoffmann, General Stainer, Major General Rudolf Doelling, Inspector General Karl Marx, and about 30 other men, who mostly were members of the First Army, was held at Adlershof in the afternoon on 2 March 1953, Lieutenant General Hoffmann announced that General Richard Stainer was appointed Deputy for Military Affairs of the Minister of the Interior on that day. He also announced that Lieutenant General Bernhard Bechler, Major General Dr. Otto Korfes, and Colonel Hermann Levenetz, were attending a six-month course of instruction at the Moscow Military Institute. He mentioned also that the course of instruction for field cooks which involved 180 trainees and was originally planned for six months, held at the KVP school at Dessau-Kochstedt, would end on 15 April 1953, one month earlier than planned, to make it possible for trainees to participate in maneuvers of the National Forces including Air Force and Sea Police in the Eggesin area from 15 April to 1 May 1953. [] and urged that at regular intervals all units announce that effective immediately each man will receive a bonus of 20 eastmarks for the successful recruiting of one man.¹

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2. Employees of the Directorate General, Railroads, said that Deputy Director General Stainer would soon take over the KVP as commanding general.¹

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1. Comment. It is possible that Major General Richard Stainer may have been selected for a leading position in the KVP. Stainer, for several years filled various leading positions in the VP prior to his employment as Deputy Manager of the Directorate General, Railroads. Because of his background as commander of a Communist brigade during the war in Spain and his political attitude he appears qualified to become a high KVP officer. Since he was allegedly discharged from the Reichsbahn at the beginning of 1953, it seems credible that he was reassigned to another organization. No credit is given to the maneuvers scheduled to be held in the Eggesin area during the second half of April, as the state of training of the KVP, the Air Force and the Navy is inadequate for this.

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